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25X1 1. According to [REDACTED] the East German State Committee for Materials, Supply, the motor vehicle tires situation in the GDR has entered a critical phase. The latest market analysis prepared by DHZ Gummi/Asbest und Kunststoffe (rubber/asbestos and plastics) indicated that there was a shortage of 500,000 motor vehicle tires. This shortage which cannot be eliminated because of a lack of raw materials and production facilities will seriously impede motor vehicle production in the GDR. The critical situation in the field of tires was mainly caused by the poor quality of tires manufactured.

25X1 2. [] the East German Council of Ministers, on 24 March 1954, resolved that a new tire plant be constructed. A total of 12,000,000 eastmarks has been allocated for the installation which will have an annual capacity of 250,000 motor vehicle tires. The new plant will not be able to start production before 1955.

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